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SUBJ: TNG FOR NIGERIAN GEOLOGISTS

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1. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY WOULD READILY ACCEPT AID WASHINGTON'S OFFER FUND PROPOSED PROJECT, AID LAGOS HAS INDICATED THAT BLOCK GRANT HAS PRIORITIES FIRM FOR NEXT TWO FISCAL YEARS, AND THAT PROJECT CANNOT RPT NOT BE FUNDED BY BLOCK GRANT UNLESS NSDA REQUEST IS CHanneled THROUGH MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIES AND APPROVED BY FEDERAL MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND RECONSTRUCTION (FMEDR).

2. WHILE WE NOT AVERSE THIS PROCEDURE AND WILL IN FUTURE ATTEMPT CHANNEL REQUESTS THIS NATURE THROUGH BLOCK GRANT MACHINERY, WE WOULD PREFER ON THIS OCCASION NOT USE THIS VERY TIME CONSUMING APPROACH.

3. TO REQUEST AT THIS LATE DATE NSDA RESORT THIS PROCEDURE WOULD NOT ONLY FURTHER DELAY ADIGWE WHO PREPARED TRAVEL BUT ALSO GREATLY EMBARRASS US. IN ADDITION AND MORE SIGNIFICANTLY, IT WOULD RISK DESTROYING EMBASSY'S ONLY WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THIS POLITICALLY AND COMMERCIALLY IMPORTANT AGENCY.

4. GIVEN THIS VERY SENSITIVE SITUATION, THE COMMERCIAL/POLITICAL RAMIFICATIONS, THE HIGH PRIORITY WE ATTACH PROJECT, IT IS REQUESTED THAT DEPARTMENT RECONSIDER THIS PROPOSAL AND APPROVE FY-74 FALLOUT FUNDS.

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